

# **Middletown Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 16, 2008**

**Middletown Public Library**

**700 West Main Road Middletown, Rhode Island**

**Members Present: Holly Levine, Chair, Stephen Arendt, Virgel Blaschke, John Grisham, Paul LaMond, Joyce Morgenthaler.**

**Members Absent: Mary Ulrich-Budlong.**

**Others Present: James Knowlton, Library Director.**

**Meeting called to order by Holly Levine, Chair at 6:09 P.M. John Grisham designated to act as Secretary for purpose of this meeting only.**

**Welcome extended to new Board member Paul LaMond, and to returning member Joyce Morgenthaler.**

**Minutes of August 19,2008 meeting reviewed. Motion to approve made by Joyce Morgenthaler. Second: Blaschke. Motion carried 5-0, Paul LaMond abstaining.**

**Director's Report submitted. Jim Knowlton orally reviewed information. Motion to accept: Arendt. Second: LaMond. Unanimously carried.**

**Barbara Camadeco appeared to present a supplemental report on goals and objectives for the Children's Room. Motion to suspend the rules and receive: Grisham. Second: Blaschke. Unanimously carried.**

### **Committee Reports:**

**Budget Committee: No report.**

**Children's Room: No report.**

**Capital Improvements: The Library is ready to go forward with the process of contracting for painting of the building's exterior; bids should be received by the time of the October Board meeting.**

**Director's Evaluation Committee: No report.**

**Friends of the Library: Virgel Blaschke reported that setup expenses for the Friends' Bookstore are nearly paid in full. The Friends' Bake Sale and Blood Drive are scheduled for November; the group will also join Barnes and Noble in participating in a holiday gift-wrapping event. Preliminary plans for procuring a new sign in front of the building and for repairing the blinds in the meeting room were also discussed.**

**IT Committee: No official meeting has taken place this month, for**

**want of a quorum.**

**Policy Review: No activity reported. It is believed that all Library policies are up to date at this time.**

**Programs/Outreach: No report.**

**Old Business: None.**

**New Business:**

**The chair conveyed from Mary Ulrich-Budlong the latter's willingness to vacate the office of Vice-Chair and to serve as Secretary if elected. Nomination of Mary Ulrich-Budlong as Secretary made by Stephen Arendt. Second: Morgenthaler. Approved by unanimous vote.**

**Virgel Blaschke nominated as Vice-Chair by Paul LaMond. Second: Grisham. Approved by unanimous vote.**

**The chair made the following committee appointments for the coming year:**

**Budget: Stephen Arendt, Chair, Paul LaMond**

**Long-Range Planning: Stephen Arendt, Chair, Paul LaMond**

**Children's Room Improvement: Mary Ulrich-Budlong, Chair; Joyce**

**Morgenthaler Capital Improvements: Holly Levine, Chair; Mary Ulrich-Budlong**

**Contract Negotiations: John Grisham, Chair; Holly Levine (Alternate: Mary Ulrich-Budlong)**

**Director's Evaluation: John Grisham, Chair; Joyce Morgenthaler  
Friends' Liaison: Virgel Blaschke**

**IT Committee Representatives: Stephen Arendt; Virgel Blaschke**

**Policy Review: Joyce Morgenthaler, Chair; Stephen Arendt**

**Programs/Outreach: Paul LaMond, Chair; Virgel Blaschke**

**Public Presentation to, or Discussion with the Board:**

**No one asked to address the Board during this session.**

**Open call by chair announcing executive session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-2, 42-46-4, 42-46-5(a)(1) (personnel matters) and 42-46-5(a)(2) (collective bargaining and/or litigation).**

**Motion made to go into executive session for stated purposes (Grisham). Second:**

**Blaschke. Unanimously carried. Executive session began at 7:08 P.M.**

**Meeting returned to open session at 7:35 P.M.**

**Motion made by Virgel Blaschke to accept previously sealed executive session minutes of August 19, 2008. Second: Morgenthaler. Motion carried 5-0, with Paul LaMond abstaining.**

**Motion made to seal executive session minutes of the present meeting (Arendt).**

**Second: LaMond. Unanimously carried.**

**Motion to adjourn duly made, seconded and unanimously carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:36 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**John W. Grisham Acting Secretary**